

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Ouseburn Parish Council 7.00 pm on 20th May 2026 in the Jeff Gill Room of the Village Hall

Present: Councillors F. Grout, J. Ainsworth, G. Jackson, R. Jones, K. Scott, D. Morgan and County Councillor A. Warneken

Public Session

No members of the public were present therefore the meeting was not adjourned.

- 2026/01** Councillor Ainsworth nominated Councillor Grout, this was seconded by Councillor Jones and Councillor Grout was duly elected unanimously as Chairman.
The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was accepted
- 2026/02** An introduction was received from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting
- 2026/03** Apologies were received from Councillor Bainbridge reasons for absence approved.
- 2026/04** Declaration of Interests
a) There were no declarations of interest not already declared under the council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
b) No applications for dispensation were received
- 2026/05** The minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings
- 2026/06** Councillor Warneken provided an update on NYC. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should send a breakdown of costs of moving the Ouse monument to Councillor Warneken so that he could contact YW to request a contribution. Councillor Warneken provided an update on the year's activities over 11 parishes that he supports. Councillor Warneken confirmed that Stonebridge are going to reduce the mound to the basic level and he will send the drawings/plans to Councillor Scott, he will then organise a consultation with the village. Councillor Warneken has set up a dedicated council facebook page due to increased communication via facebook. There is information about Brierley Homes in the press and Councillor Warneken met with Brierley Homes and confirmed that Brierley Homes will revert to the original plan for 3 dwellings which is why the previous application has been withdrawn. Councillor Warneken will send the planning application

reference to the Clerk. Councillor Warneken's surgery is on Friday 22nd May.

2026/07 Clerk's report

- The Clerk has contacted Councillor Warneken regarding CIL monies
- A further quote has been received for the tree survey and another request sent to a contractor
- The Clerk has contacted the internal auditor to arrange a meeting regarding the 2025/6 AGAR
- The Clerk has contacted Highways to request bin prices and styles and a site visit
- The bench has been fitted by Councillor Scott at the bungalows

2026/08 To consider the following financial matters:

(a) Payments to include £22.79 Councillor Scott domain name renewal, petrol Dave Meakin £47.15, Nigel Roskilly £131.00, the Clerk printer ink £21.65

(b) To note the Bank Reconciliation

Balance Bfwd as at 04/04/2026	£ 13,022.37
Income	£ 8,651.50
Expenditure	£ 2,897.08
Balance as at 13/05/26	£ 18,776.79

2026/09 The SINC survey was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Scott would resend the emails and contact Nyedec

2026/10 Quotes for imitation stone troughs for the bungalows and the entrances to the village were received and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should buy the stone troughs for £400 and a sign that says Great Ouseburn with Branton Green, the size of which will be confirmed by a councillor.

2026/11 Planning Issues

a) Planning applications

Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments
26/02348/TDC MIN	Technical Details Consent for the erection of 5no. residential dwellings and associated infrastructure following Permission in Principle	Land To The South Of Brown Lane Branton Green Great Ouseburn Harrogate	The Parish Council objects to the above application for the following reasons: •The Permission in Principle (PIP) Approval to which the application refers was permitted based on misinformation and incorrect

	Approval ref. 25/04619/PIP.		interpretation of Planning Policy. • The Officers Report in supporting the application contained a number of errors and other misleading information which are material to that decision, including but not limited to: - O The incorrect planning history of the 'application site' - o Misidentification of the application sites location. - O Misdescription of the application site and its surrounding features - o Misclassification of the settlement hierarchy as defined under Policy GS2 of the Harrogate District Local Plan 2014-2035. ☐ Great Ouseburn is a Service Village, not a Smaller Village as stated in the officers report. The Local Plan states that in Service Villages land will be allocated for new homes. The site is not allocated. ☐ The application site is outside of Development Limits and therefore should not have been supported unless expressly permitted by other policies. Policy further states 'development will only be appropriate if permitted by other policies' - O Misinterpretation of Local Plan Policy GS3 when referring to infill development and when it will be supported. Contrary to what is said in the officers report: ☐ The application site does not meet the context of what is infill development as defined in Para. 3.22.
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			□ The proposed development both individually and more so when considered cumulatively with other recent development results in a disproportionate level of development compared to the settlement contrary to policy and does not meet justifiable criteria. Para's 3.23 defines the extent to which each settlement should be allowed to develop during the plan period and where, within the defined area, there will be a presumption in support of development. The site lies wholly outside of these extents and is considered countryside where there is stricter control over development. With reference to the Technical Details Consent Application: •Objections raised with regard the determination of the Permission in Principle application are still relevant and should be reassessed when determining the Technical Details Consent. •Properties proposed are large detached homes the design of which is neither modest nor compliments the local vernacular as advised under planning condition 3 (6) of the Permission in Principle. Proposed dwellings appear cramped with minimal separation whereas existing neighbouring properties sit
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			within generous plots with circa. 10-12m separation. Proposed dwellings are set back circa. 30m from Brown Lane, contrary to planning condition 3 (6) of the PiP. The proposed layout is not in keeping with the local character where properties generally sit close to the road. •Design of the proposed dwellings is not cohesive with the local character which is eclectic in nature. Proposed dwellings are bland and repetitive being of similar design. •Access to the site is located directly opposite the existing junction of Brown Lane with Pipers Lane. Furthermore, the submitted site layouts fail to show existing traffic calming features which lie immediately to the east and beyond which the speed limit increases to 60mph. The proposed development raises road safety concerns particularly with regard increased vehicle movements entering and exiting the site. •Application forms state that refuse collection will be from the site entrance with refuse vehicles not entering the site and parking on Branton Lane/Brown Lane, this raising additional concerns with regard the above. Additionally, Government guidance in the Building Regulation Approved
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			Documents state that for householders bin carry distances should not ideally exceed 30m. Plot 5 is located some 100m or more from the proposed collection point. An alternative refuse collection solution should be sought. •Government guidance with regard fire safety stipulates that access for pumping appliances should be provided to within 45m of all points inside a dwelling house. The proposed layout fails to demonstrate that this is achievable and the shared driveway is not designed such that a Fire Appliance could enter and turn within the site. The proposed scheme therefore fails to provide adequate fire safety measures for future residents. •The application forms state that the site does not contain land which is known to be contaminated or land where contamination is suspected. Given the previous use of the site and the storage of both animal waste and farm machinery this is doubtful and further clarification should be sought. •High walls and fencing are not in keeping with the character of the sites countryside location. In particular the 1.8m high walled front garden boundary to Plot 5 should be omitted.
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			•The proposals make no provision for SUDS and the drainage strategy should be investigated further. The local sewerage network may be insufficient for additional capacity and has flooded a number of times in recent years. •The larger field in which the application site sits has in the past been identified as a potential site of archaeological interest, with suspected iron age agricultural enclosures and an ancient burial mound believed to be located to the rear of the application site. This should be investigated further before any building or preparation works are carried out.
26/01398/FUL	Installation of 24x600W PV module ground mounted solar array for domestic electricity generation, with associated cabling running under the driveway to connect to a battery sited within an existing garage.	Broadway Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RG	SUPPORTS

b) Planning enforcements

Case No	Location	Alleged breach	Conclusion
26/00242/PR05	Hillside Main Street Great Ouseburn North Yorkshire YO26 9RF	Alleged loft conversion without permission including installation of velux windows in a conservation area	Not upheld

c) Planning decisions – no planning decisions were received

- 2026/12** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should obtain quotes for the mesh and post fencing for the cricket ground as soon as possible for the June meeting.
- 2026/13** Highway's decision regarding the bus stop was reviewed and it was **AGREED** to wait for the Highways Officer's response.
- 2026/14** The action log was received and updated.
- 2026/15** The date of the next meeting was agreed as 17th June 2026.